THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) India alongwith China, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand are the countries facing trade defence instruments like anti-dumping and anti-subsidy actions initated by EU.

(b) At present, definitive anti-dumping/anti-subsidy duties are in force in European Union in respect of 14 products exported from India in the sectors of chemicals/pharmaceuticals, steel and textiles. In addition, provisional anti-dumping/anti-subsidy duties are in force on 5 products. The competitiveness of our exportable products are affected by the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy duties.

(c) During the Indo-EU Summit meetings, both sides expressed the view that it is necessary to raise the level of bilateral trade and investment to its full potential. The Joint Declaration issued at the end of the Summit makes specific reference to the need to consult each other on anticipated regulatory and other measures affecting the flow of trade with a view to resolving problems at an early stage.

Limestone mining in Andhra Pradesh

778. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Corporation of India has not paid the royalty for grant of permission for limestone mining in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken to clear the dues early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Cement Corporation of India could not pay royalty for grant of permission for limestone mining in respect of units located in Andhra Pradesh on account of liquidity problems. The dues of royalty in respect of units located in Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be cleared after revival package from Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).